

My New Year's Revolution

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Kukini Managing Editor

In the Air Force public affairs newspaper world, there's a theory often talked about but seldom realized. Catching the "big six".

The Airman ranks, the rest of active duty, retirees, civilians, dependents and tenant units.

Those are the six audiences that make up a base readership, and while many newspaper staffs have tried, few have successfully highlighted all those groups on a consistent basis.

You might have noticed a fresh look for the Kukini at the start of the year. A new contract allows for more space for articles and better clarity on the photos. We also received additional manpower from the publisher to assist with newspaper production.

So we're starting some programs designed to reflect the base populace. Some programs you've already seen, others are to follow in the upcoming weeks.

Perspective, on A2, is the new name for the commentary section, and it's more than just a word change.

Commentaries, like the one you're currently reading, are now open to the base populace. Anyone, especially our junior enlisted, now have an avenue for expression. A set of guidelines for commentary

submissions can be found at the Kukini link on the base Web site at <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/>.

Hickam Voices, also on A2, is a weekly question to share the opinion of Team Hickam members. Future questions are posted in each week's paper to share your thoughts.

Hickam Heroes is a weekly feature designed to highlight outstanding performers who don't normally receive base-wide recognition (see B4). If you know a unit Airman, noncommissioned officer, company grade officer or civilian who is deserving of accolades, contact your unit first sergeant who will pass the name along to us.

Hickam Heritage celebrates our civilian team members with a bi-monthly profile of those who have spent years in support of the Hickam mission. The first profile can be found on B2.

There are also several programs we are planning on showcasing once readership support warrants putting them into action:

Feedback, an Opinion/Editorial section going on A2, will be added to share views on what you like or would like improved about each week's Kukini.

Digital Diary – for those who are visually motivated, we'll assign you a week to capture images of work and off-duty imagery with your camera. Once a month we will select and publish the

Kukini programs

Want to share a commentary, submit an answer for Hickam Voices, or nominate someone for any of the new Kukini programs?

Drop us a line at hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil with subject line "program submittal." We will let you know, in advance, when your submission is used in the Kukini.

best of those pictures, giving full credit to the photographer.

School Story is a bi-monthly feature showcasing events at several Hickam-partnered schools. The content and design of the feature will primarily be completed by school-age dependents of base members.

Hickam After Dark will capture base events after the end of the traditional duty day. We also want to hear from wing and tenant units with workers who have duty hours after 4:30 p.m.

In addition to our normal commitment to sharing the myriad mission of our base units in the news section, these programs can go a long way towards getting the rest of the story. But they will only be as effective as you want them to be.

We're looking forward to your input and feedback to help capture the big six.

Hickam Voices

What is your favorite thing to do on a Sunday afternoon?



"Scuba diving with my husband."

Senior Airman Jenny Ruda
15th Medical Operations Squadron



"Go bowling or whale watching with my kids."

Tech. Sgt. Alan Cannon
Pacific Air Forces



"On the beach at Bellows or Barbers Point with my two wonderful children."

2nd Lt. Sheila Allen
15th Mission Support Squadron



"Dawn patrol surfing, yard work and playing with my dogs."

Doug Giannetti
15th Services Squadron



"Going to a movie and out to supper with my husband."

Sara Buer
Spouse of Airman 1st Class Taton Buer
15th Civil Engineer Squadron

Your Air Expeditionary Force needs you

By Maj. Gen. Bob DuLaney

U.S. Air Forces in Europe director of air and space operations

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – For the past six years, our Air Force has used the Air Expeditionary Force construct to meet the air and space power needs of our nation, tweaking the AEF as necessary to improve it and adapt it to meet emerging challenges. One of those adjustments has been to expand the pool of AEF-eligible Airmen.

The Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper, said it best. "Let me be perfectly clear. In our Air Force, every Airman is expeditionary, every Airman will know his or her place in the AEF system, and every Airman will be prepared to support the combatant commander, whether deployed, in CONUS via reachback, or employed at home station. If you are wearing the uniform of the United States Air Force, you are part of the AEF."

That seems pretty clear to me. Note the lack of any escape clauses such as, "unless you're really important," or "unless

you're an O-6." Our nation is at war and our combatant commanders need you, regardless of rank or position, and they need you to be ready to fight when you reach their theater.

The AEF process was designed with predictability in mind. By placing you in an AEF bucket, you can enjoy some measure of stability by knowing when you can expect to deploy. This affords you, your family, your co-workers and your supervisor an opportunity to plan for your absence. Use this valuable lead time to get your personal life in order, including finances, wills and childcare plans.

We will continue to prosecute the global war on terrorism for the foreseeable future. Our AEF concept has proven very effective over the last several years at putting air and space power where we need it, when we need it. Your role is to be ready, personally and professionally, to take the fight to our nation's enemies. If you are in a leadership position, make sure your team is ready to fight or carry on the home station mission when individuals from your team deploy. No matter who you are, if you are wearing Air Force blue, your AEF needs you.

Action Line



Col. Ray Torres
15th Airlift Wing commander

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name it's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line, however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and man-

agers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you want me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pat@hickam.af.mil.

Basketball goals in housing a concern

Comment: I live on Gemini, and for the third time I have almost hit a child running after a basketball. Back at the beginning of the year, in the *Kukini*, I read an article that listed the base policy regarding trampolines. In that article it stated that all basketball hoops must be BEHIND QUARTERS. Also, saying that trampolines with safety nets must be behind quarters and all must have AF Form 332s. Children's safety is at hand here and why are there basketball hoops allowed in the housing area in courts

where cars are parked and children can get injured? Now, I was only driving 15 MPH, unlike some others who still speed in housing and I had to brake hard. What about those people who are still speeding and cannot stop in time? When a child dies, will that get you to follow base policy and safety standards and start enforcing the rules? As far as I'm concerned, there should be a notice sent to all housing residents and they should be told to either put their basketball hoops behind their quarters as stated in the base policy or they will be removed.

Response: Thank you for your input. Under no circumstances are basketball goals to be placed in streets, driveways, or any other location that would create a safety hazard or impede the flow of vehicle or pedestrian traffic. Residents not in compliance will be served a citation by base housing authorities and asked to relocate the item to its authorized location. The backyard is the only authorized location for a basketball goal. All basketball goals require an Air Force Form 332, Base Civil Engineer Work Request, with a placement diagram approved by the housing office.

Next week's question:

What does the rank of chief master sergeant mean to you?

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What is your most unique visitor's story?

To respond to this question, send an email to hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil with a response and phone number to contact you.

Give us your feedback

Team Hickam members can submit letters to the editor to

hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil.

Tell us what you think or would like to see in Kukini

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Life Skills Support Center
449-0175
Law Enforcement Desk
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Base Chaplain
449-1754
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